posts on *ad-hoc*|deputation basis, However, the departmental candidates holding Grade III posts on regular basis as well as those holding such posts on ad-hoc|deputation basis till the date the last departmental candidate was appointed on regular basis are required to be treated alike for the purpose of fixing their seniority. The reasons for making a different provision for Grade III is that most of the appointments against the posts included in this grade were made on *ad-hoc* basis as the examination held by the U.P.S.C. in 1969 for making regular appointments against these posts became the subject matter of a Writ Petition in the Delhi High Court.

Development of Kanauj in U.P. as a tourist spot

2745. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ABIDI ALLAHABADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to develop the historical town of Kanauj in Uttar Pradesh into a tourist spot; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) The Department has not received any proposal for development of Kanauj as a tourist centre.

Appointment of clerks etc. in the Air India

2746. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that departmental tests and interviews were held in 1984 to fill up the vacant posts of clerks/typist, junior operators etc. in the Air India;

(b) if so, the number of posts that were filled up and since when these are lying vacant in each trade;

(c) the trades in which vacancies have since not been filled up despite selection of candidates; and

(d) the steps the Air India management propose to take to issue appointment letters to the selected candidates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 75 posts have been filled in the categories of clerk (Accounts), Typist Clerk, Clerks (General), Clerks (Stores clearing), Progress Clerk (Engineering Department), Junior Operators (Trainee) and Progress Clerks (Grade Services). Vacancies have occurred due to promotion, resignations, retirements, termination, etc. from time to time.

(c) Ten vacancies of Progress Clerks (Engineering) remained to be filled at the end of 1984. These posts have been filled in 1985.

(d) Waiting lists have been prepared for each category and the selected candidates are sent offers of appointments as and when the vacancies occur.

World of art in the Lalit Kala Akademi

2747. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in 'Patriot' on 28th July, 1985 under the caption "1,000 works of art rotting in Akademi Store room";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the functioning of the Lalit Kala Akademi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Lalit Kala Akademi, has stated that all their art objects are stacked in racks and are periodically dusted and de-aired. Anti-termite and anti-moth treatment of the store rooms is also given by personnel trained in preservation of art objects.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

Research projects undertaken by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

2748. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of research projects undertaken by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a sharp fall in the number of researches conducted by the CSIR due to Government's liberalised import policies of technology; and

(c) if so, what steps Government proposes to take to make optimum research facilities available to forty laboratories of the CSIR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Research projects in CSIR laboratories are formulated and reviewed by their Research Advisory Councils consisting of eminent Scientists, senior Government representatives, and representatives from Public and Private Sectors of industry. These research projects are directed towards achieving major national goals. Total investment in such research and development activities in CSIR has been steadily increasing during the past three years.

(b) No, Sir. Import of technology is permitted only on a selective basis taking into consideration the availability of comparative indigenous technology, the capabilities for new advances by our institutions and the imperatives for urgent improvements in productivity, efficiency and quality. Whenever, technology comparable to the one to be imported is available indigenously, import of technologies has not been permitted by Government.

(c) Investment in Research and Development activities of CSIR in 1985-86 has increased by 25 per cent over previous year. The research facilities in CSIR Laboratories are being modernised to equip them to undertake high quality R&D projects identified in cooperation with users. All support is being given to CSIR to make optimum and purposeful use of such research facilities for meeting national objectives.

2749. [*Transferred to the 23rd. August, 1985*]

Pending cases of freedom fighters

2750. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases of freedom fighters from Punjab are pending over 12 years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the list contains the cases of Shri Daya Singh, alias Inder Singh s/o Jawahar Singh, Village Sekh, District Amritsar file No. 27|A|8581|72 FF; Sadhu Singh file No. 27|A|7882|FF; Kishan Singh, letter No. (4)(1)-SP(II|42305) dated 20th July, 1958; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not finalising these cases of freedom fighters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Freedom Fighters' Pension Scheme was started in 1972, under which 9680 applications were received from Punjab. The Scheme was liberalized in 1980, under which 2728 applications were received. Since many freedom fighters applied under both the Schemes, no separate lists are maintained for pendency under old and new Schemes. Number of applications pending now are 1283. Most of the cases are pending for want of verification reports from the State Government.